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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : It is for want of such technically qualified men that these institutions were not able to start research institutions there. Such men are available in other countries. Only if the Government move in the matter they will become available. Therefore it is necessary that the Government should take interest in the work and see that such technically qualified men are made available for those institutions. May I know from the Government whether any measures were taken by them to see that such men from other countries were made available to them?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I am sorry the hon Member does not realize what the essential requirements are for proper research work to be done. Probably such research work may be taken up in the Ayurvedic teaching institution at Trivandrum but not at Palghat, Sir.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : May I know whether this Government have taken any interest in the collection of manuscripts from the " Olaichuvadi ", that is writings on palm leaves from the village parts where we have very good literature on the subject?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, palm leaves may be collected. But I do not think palm leaf literature may be collected from the villages. (Laughter.)

* 151 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation on 25th February 1956 from the managing Committee of the Madhava Ayurvedic College, Cannanore to enhance the Government grant to the College; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Appeals on commercial tax cases

* 152 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed Commercial Tax Officers in the State to pronounce orders on appeals at least within six months of hearing arguments; and

(*b*) how many appeals have been disposed of by the Commercial Tax Officers in Malabar later than six months after the arguments?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Instructions have been issued by the Board of Revenue that Commercial Tax Officers should write up the appeal orders within seven days after hearing the appeal or making enquiry in respect of appeals.

(*b*) One.

Dues under the well subsidy schemes

* 153 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to Collectors for the speedy recovery of pending claims under Well Subsidy schemes by taking coercive proceedings against the concerned ryots?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The answer is in the negative, Sir.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கிணறு மான்யத்தை திருப்பி வசூல் செய்வதில் நமது ஜில்லாக்களிலே பல கஷ்டங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. ஏனென்றால், 1948–49-ல் கொடுத்த பணத்தையும், பிற்பாடு கொடுத்த பணத்தையும், கிணறு வெட்டவில்லை என்பதற்காகவோ, அல்லது வெட்டியிருந்தாலும் அரசாங்கம் 8 அடி, 24 அடி என்றெல்லாம் நிர்ணயித்திருந்த தாத்தில் குறைந்திருக்கிறது என்ற காரணத்திற்காகவோ, திருப்பிக் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று மக்களை தொந்தரவு செய்கிறார்கள். நான் இது பற்றி கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களிடம்கூட சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். இது மத்திய அரசாங்கம் கொடுத்த பணம். விவசாயிகள் மிகவும் பாடுபட்டு இந்த பணத்தை பெற்றிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, இதையெல்லாம் ஒருவழியாக தீர்த்துவிடுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் எந்த விதத்தில் இதையெல்லாம் தீர்த்துவிடவேண்டும் என்று கோருகிறார் என்பது தெரியவில்லை. ஏதாவது கிணறு வெட்டியிருந்தால் போதும். கிணற்றில் தண்ணீர் வந்தாலும் சரி; வராவிட்டாலும் சரி; அரசாங்கம் மான்யத்தை திருப்பிக் கோருவதில்லை. ஆனால் ஒன்றுமே செய்யாமல் பணத்தை 'சுவாஹா' செய்தவர்களிடமிருந்து பணத்தைத் திருப்பிப் பெறுவதல் என்ன செய்வது?

Extra departmental postmasters

* 154 *Q*.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of extra departmental postmasters who were permitted to hold and are holding the posts of village munsifs in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Thirty-two.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Whenever a person working as a village munsif applies for the appointment of postmaster, he has to get the permission of the Revenue authorities and he is appointed in the usual course. But whenever a person acting as extra departmental postmaster applies for appointment as village munsif the Revenue authorities object to the appointment of a person acting as postmaster to the post of village munsif because